

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 1-10, 15-23 and 25 and the indicated allowability of claims 11-14, 24, 26-27 and 34-35 is acknowledge with thanks. Claims 11, 13-14 and 24-25 have been amended to obviate the §112 rejection. Claims 28-33 have been cancelled to eliminate the Examiner's objection to the drawings and specification. Thus, claims 1-27 and 34-35 should now be allowable.

New claims 36-42 have been added to further scope the invention and find support in the original specification and drawings, particularly FIG. 2. Specifically, new independent claim 36 requires "at least one individual tool comprising a layer polymer microactuator..." New claims 36-42 should be allowed because they include essentially the same patentable distinct features as allowed claim 1.

FIG. 1C has been amended to correct an improper labeling of element 4. Specifically, FIG. 1C shows clip 1 being held by clip 4, as described in the Specification. Corrected formal drawings will be filed upon allowance of the Application.

No new matter has been added by any of the aforementioned amendments.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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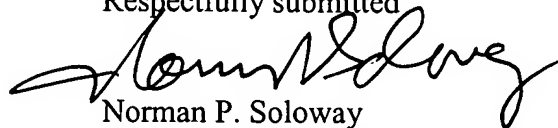
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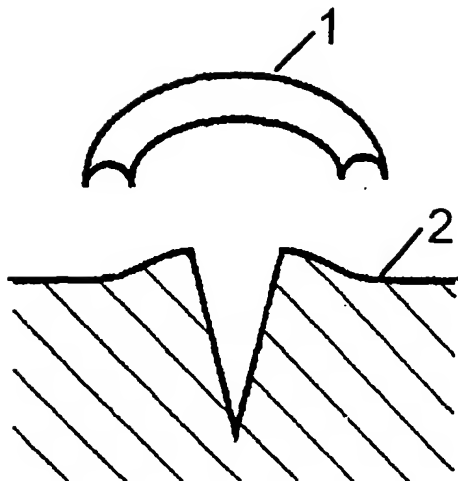


Fig 1a

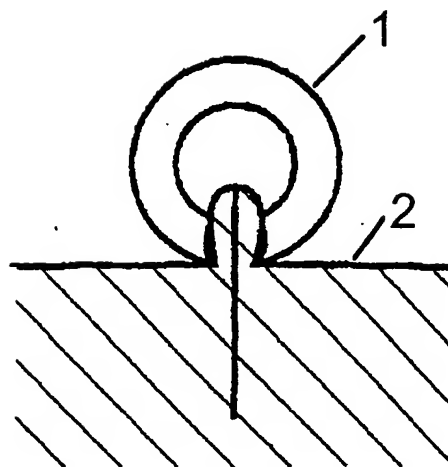


Fig 1b

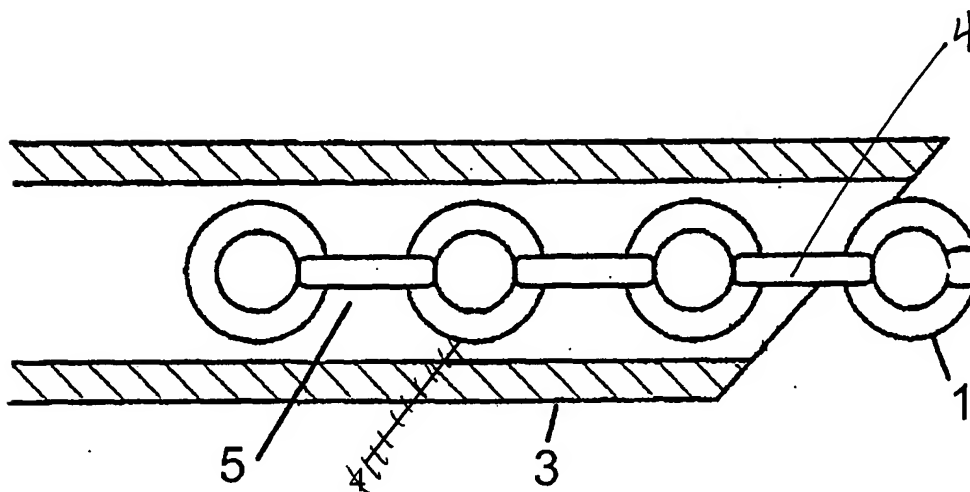


Fig 1c